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Election fraud unit ready for calls during primary election

LINCOLN – Reports of potential election fraud or election misconduct are not common in Nebraska says Secretary of State John Gale. However, if there is a need, there is a phone number that citizens can call to report complaints on Election Day. Gale has convened his election fraud unit to be ready to receive calls throughout the primary.

"The hotline is a tool we utilize in each and every statewide election," explained Gale. "Trained staff members take down the information so that each situation can be investigated thoroughly."

To report a complaint, voters can call toll free (888) 727-0007 or (402) 471-2555.

All complaints are handled in a confidential manner. If the election fraud unit determines that a complaint is credible, it is forwarded to the proper local, state or federal law enforcement agency for possible prosecution.

"If voters notice something suspicious or they're concerned that proper procedure is not being followed, we want to hear about it," stressed Gale. "Our goal is to make sure that all voting issues are handled in an appropriate and lawful way."